CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-8. (Canceled)

9. (New) A pipe joint for an exhaust-gas system of an internal combustion engine, comprising:

a first pipe part,

a second pipe part,

a fastener, and

a sealing element which has a sleeve and a sealing ring,

wherein the sleeve has a plurality of spaced-apart widened circumferential regions at a first end and can be pushed into the first pipe part such that the widened circumferential regions engage behind a circumferential constriction of the first pipe part in a resilient manner.

10. (New) The pipe joint as claimed in claim 9, wherein the widened circumferential regions are designed to project in the manner of teeth.

11. (New) The pipe joint as claimed in claim 9, wherein the sleeve has a conically tapered portion at a second end.

12. (New) The pipe joint as claimed in claim 9, wherein the sealing ring encloses the sleeve in an annular manner and is connected to the sleeve in a form-fitting manner.

13. (New) The pipe joint as claimed in claim 9, wherein the sealing ring is designed in a cross-sectionally frustoconical manner with a rectilinear starting region and with a radially outer region having a smaller width than a radially inner region.

14. (New) The pipe joint as claimed in claim 9, wherein the sealing ring is made of a graphite-filled knitted wire fabric.

15. (New) The pipe joint as claimed in claim 9, wherein each of the first and second pipe parts has a funnel-like widened portion at its connecting end.

16. (New) The pipe joint as claimed in claim 9, wherein the fastener is designed as a clamp which is open at at least one location and which has cross-sectionally oblique flanks and a radially projecting closure part.

17. (New) The pipe joint as claimed in claim 10, wherein the sleeve has a conically tapered portion at a second end.

18. (New) The pipe joint as claimed in claim 10, wherein the sealing ring encloses the sleeve in an annular manner and is connected to the sleeve in a form-fitting manner.

19. (New) The pipe joint as claimed in claim 11, wherein the sealing ring encloses the sleeve in an annular manner and is connected to the sleeve in a form-fitting manner.

20. (New) The pipe joint as claimed in claim 10, wherein the sealing ring is designed in a cross-sectionally frustoconical manner with a rectilinear starting region and with a radially outer region having a smaller width than a radially inner region.

21. (New) The pipe joint as claimed in claim 11, wherein the sealing ring is designed in a cross-sectionally frustoconical manner with a rectilinear starting region and with a radially outer region having a smaller width than a radially inner region.

22. (New) The pipe joint as claimed in claim 12, wherein the sealing ring is designed in a cross-sectionally frustoconical manner with a rectilinear starting region and with a radially outer region having a smaller width than a radially inner region.

23. (New) The pipe joint as claimed in claim 10, wherein the sealing ring is made of a graphite-filled knitted wire fabric.

24. (New) The pipe joint as claimed in claim 11, wherein the sealing ring is made of a graphite-filled knitted wire fabric.

25. (New) The pipe joint as claimed in claim 12, wherein the sealing ring is made of a graphite-filled knitted wire fabric.

26. (New) The pipe joint as claimed in claim 13, wherein the sealing ring is made of a graphite-filled knitted wire fabric.

27. (New) The pipe joint as claimed in claim 10, wherein each of the first and second pipe parts has a funnel-like widened portion at its connecting end.

28. (New) The pipe joint as claimed in claim 11, wherein each of the first and second pipe parts has a funnel-like widened portion at its connecting end.